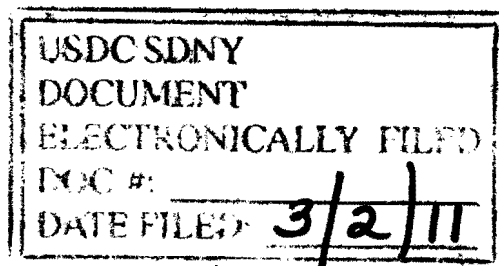


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**VIA FACSIMILE (212-805-7948)**Hon. Richard J. Holwell  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: United States v. Raj Rajaratnam et al. 09-CR-1184 (RJH)

Dear Judge Holwell:

We are writing on behalf of Defendant Raj Rajaratnam in anticipation of trial scheduled to begin February 28, 2010. We respectfully request that you allow each member of Mr. Rajaratnam's defense team to bring one Personal Electronic Device into the courtroom.

The Court's Standing Order regarding Electronic Devices and General Purposes Computing Devices generally prohibits the use of Personal Electronic Devices, such as a cellular telephones or Blackberry's, in courtrooms without an Attorney Service pass. These passes, however, are only available to members of the bar of the Court who possess a New York State Unified Court System Attorney Secure Pass ("OCA Card").

It would greatly aid Mr. Rajaratnam and his counsel at trial if the following individuals were allowed to bring with them the highlighted Personal Electronic Device into the courtroom:

John M. Dowd—Blackberry  
Terence J. Lynam—Blackberry  
William E. White—Blackberry  
Jeffrey M. King—Blackberry  
James E. Sherry—Blackberry  
Michael Starr—Blackberry  
Catherine E. Creely—Blackberry  
Jonah McCarthy—Blackberry  
James Osborne—Blackberry  
Benjamin Klebanoff—Blackberry  
Reginald Orcel—Blackberry

Undersigned counsel have conferred with counsel for the government who have indicated they consent to this request.

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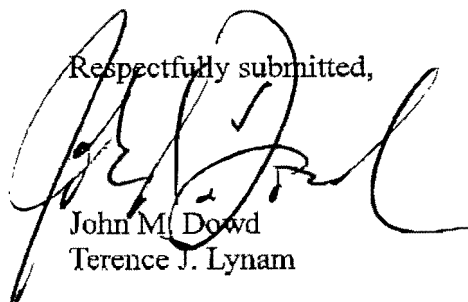
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*Denied. The Standing Order provides for  
no variances for attorneys not in compliance*

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*SO ORDERED.*

*Loretta A. Hargis*  
U.S.D.S. 2/24/11